

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs on
2 United States Highway 25E in Knox County that proudly proclaim Knox County as the
3 "Home of Nick Mills, 2017 Grand National American Coon Hunting Champion."

4 WHEREAS, Nick Mills is a resident of Gray, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Nick Mills and his Bluetick Hound Payt's Sassie Allie Girl recently
6 grabbed the title of United Kennel Club's 2017 Grand American Overall Night Hunt
7 Winner; and

8 WHEREAS, the competition was a two-day event in Orangeburg, South Carolina,
9 that included more than 200 dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, Nick Mills has hunted competitively off and on for quite a while, and
11 he had a feeling that his dog, Allie, could compete against some of the best dogs in the
12 sport; and

13 WHEREAS, with temperatures in the 20s, the dogs had two hours to show off their
14 skills. With about 15 minutes remaining in the final four hunt, 19-month-old Allie got
15 treed. Nick Mills knew they were going to kill a lot of the hunt time walking to her tree,
16 but knew she would get the final tree scored; and

17 WHEREAS, the win from such a young dog has stunned the hunting community.
18 News of Nick Mills and Allie's achievement is traveling fast. Even Purina has contacted
19 Nick about featuring him and Allie in the company's *Today's Breeder* magazine; and

20 WHEREAS, the national competition win netted Nick Mills \$1000 cash, a slew of
21 merchandise, and of course, bragging rights; and

22 WHEREAS, Nick Mills and Allie plan to compete in other national hunt
23 competitions very soon;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor Nick Mills by
27 placing signs on United States Highway 25E, at the Knox County/Bell County line and

1 the Laurel County/Knox County line that read, "Home of Nick Mills, 2017 Grand
2 National American Coon Hunting Champion." The signs shall be erected within 30 days
3 of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from
4 the date of their placement.